the need, improvement, maintenance, in-veslttnent and participation by Govt.lPri-Tale Setters in the area of infrastructure. The rate of return and contractual comp-liance guarantee are some of the aspects discussed in the report.

(b) and (c) The tariff notification issued by the Ministry of Power provides for a return of 16 per cent on the equity re-latable to the generating units at the p'ait load factor of 68.5 per cent and an incentive of upto .7 per cent raise in ROE for each I per cent raise in PLF* above 68.5 per cent. These are considered as reasonable returns and would be applicable to all the projects cleared after 31-3-92.

(d) The tariff notification issued by Government of India is intended to regulate tariff by Generating Companies to State Electricity Boards as per Section; 43(AVof Electnicity Supply Act, 1948, The rate of return to be earned by BHEL are covered by the generat dfrectrves' issued by the Department of Public Enterprises etc.

Conference of Income *Tax* Commissionirs

993. SHRI ANANT RAM JAKWAL : SHRT SATYA[1] PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of' FWAM&T be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that a three-day Conference of Income-tax Commis-siongrsof the country was held in Delhi *neatly;

(b) if so, what were the subjects dis-*eamsd* in the Conference stating the out come and the decision.' if any, taken by Gover~~nm~~ent in the matter;

(c) whetner Government are aware of the income due on Cine Stars;

(d) if so. whether Government will apply the same procedure for collecting *the total* amount of Income Tax from the Cine Stars as applied with the general unexpayers stating the time-limit fixed for if; and

(e) if so, the derails thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY); (a) Yes, Sir. An Afl India Conference of Chief Commissioners and Commiss'ionets of Income-tax was held in New Delhi on 13th, 14th and 16th May, 1994.

(b) The following subjects Were discussed in the Conference:—

(i) Budget collection and Action Plan.

(ii) Widening the tax base.

(iii) Assessment Procedure— Re-
forms.

(iv) Income Tax Administration.

(v) Search and seizure, survey and prosecution.

(vi) Modernisation and compute-risation in the Income Tax Departs ment.

On' the basis' of the recommendations made in the Conference; the' following" major decisions were taken:—

(i) Targets for Budget collections have been made.

(ii) Targets for reduction of ar-rear demand and also for cash collection out of the arrear and current demand have been set.

(iii) A new simplified return fores (form 2A) has been introduced.

(iv) Returns showing income be* few certain limits will be excluded from the purview of detailed scrutiny during- the financial year 1994-95 while all cases where positive information of evasion is available will be eomputsorily scrutinised.

(v) A new administrative procedure where, a range Deputy Corit missioner of Income-tax. instead of the Assessing Officer, will be the focal point, will be experimented.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) The Government does not make any distinction between Cine Stars and the general taxpayers regard-ing recovery of tax arrears which is a optinuous process and no time limit can be fixed for enfo cing recovery of outstanding dcr.Kin.ls. Depending upon the facts and circumstances of each case.appropriate stepi are being taken from time to time by the concerned income- tax authorities for recovery/reduction of tax arrears.

Decline in Revenue collection

994. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA : Will the Ministe- or FINANCE be pleased to i state.

la) whether it is a fact that the tussle over CBEC and CBDT chairmanships has resulted in the sharp decline over recvenue collection; and

(b) if so. what steps Government propose to take to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. v. CHANDRASHEKHAR MUR-THY): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Denial of World Bank and IMF Fund for poverty alleviation

995. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the reports appearing in The Economics Times of Sunday, 10th July, 1994 regarrlinir denial of World Bank, IMF to fund poverty alleviation programmes in SAARC countries;

(b) if so, what would be its cascading effects on our own poverty alleviation programmes ?

(c) how much aid does India received from these Worlds bodies on these programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MUR-I THY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) So far no specific poverty alleviation project has been funded by the World Bank: in India. However, a substantial part of Bank assistance is aimed towards poverty targeted inter-vention. Lending by IMF is not project tied.

Imported goods free from fiscal control

996. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleas ed to state:

(a) whether Government propose' to free all imported consumer goods from fiscal control;

(b) if so, from which date these controls are to be lifted;

!(c) whether Government are consider-ing only tariffs to be used to regulate-such imports;

(d) whether items of consumer use have been identified; and

(e) if so, to what extent it will be helpful to fully liberalise economy?

| THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF'.FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (d) Rationalisation of customs duties on consumer goods with a view to a ′ suitable tarrif-cum-OGL import regime has been incorporated in a Discussion Paper. However, no policy decision has yet been taken. '

(e) Does not alias.

Interest free loan to rick unit by SBI

997. SHRI SURESH KALMADI; Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Bank of India plan to give interest free-nans to sick units; and